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In re application of

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For: CONTAINER-FILLING DEVICE FOR LOST-FOAM CASTING SYSTEMS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete the heading "DESCRIPTION" and insert the heading

A1 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, the second paragraph should read as follows:

A2 --The lost-foam casting technique represents an ever more widely employed foundry that is essentially based on the preparation of a model, generally made of polystyrene or some similar material, that exactly reproduces the characteristics of the piece to be cast. This model is inserted in a container (flask) filled with sand, which is then vibrated until the sand is distributed and compacted in such a manner as to adopt itself closely to and reproduce the exact shape of the